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RESPONSE AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

SIR:

In response to that Notice of Non-responsive amendment(s) mailed 12/22/03, the Examiner is requested to reconsider the application in view of the following interview summary.

On 12 August 2003 a telephonic interview was conducted and included the Examiner, inventor Daniel Marks, and the undersigned. The interview included discussion of claims 1, 160, and 165. The interview is mentioned with gratitude in the Amendment and Response filed August 14, 2003, and the substance of the interview is as follows:

Bennett does not show any communication emanating from one of the

participator computers being received by another of the participator computers.

Applicant is grateful for the Examiner's Interview and the opportunity to clarify the Interview Summary. Respectfully, the application, as amended, is believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action is requested. If the prosecution of this case can be in any way advanced by a telephone discussion, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (312) 240-0824.

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